Introduction Life can often be burdensome, but Jesus offers us the Good News of salvation. We come together, praying that our community and the Gospels will sustain each of us on our journey of faith, with our eyes always on the Lord who promises redemption.

First Reading Job 7: 1-4. 6-7 Life is a burden for the melancholy who have no hope.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9: 16-19. 22-23 To preach the Gospel is a duty, even if it's one that is not chosen.

Gospel Mark 1:29-39 He cured many who were suffering.

Please pray for Jane Pegg lately dead and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time:

FEBRUARY

4 Betty Llewellin 5 John McCallion, Joseph Lonsdale, Ronald Bond

6 Stella Stewart 7 Joseph Burrow, Joan Redmond8 Mary Lee9 Joseph Kelly

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc_or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

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Parishes of St Andrew & Blessed George Haydock, Cottam, and St Mary, Lea Town

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2024

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Baptisms and Marriages by Arrangement.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday (4.30pm to 5pm) or on request. Please call in to the Presbytery or speak to Canon Adrian before or after Mass.

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He cured many who were sick.

Mark 1:34

SATURDAY 3 February

5.30pm (Vigil) Frank Rocks RIP (8022)

Mass will be live streamed from Parish website

SUNDAY 4 February (PMB p134)

9.00am(Lea Town) People of the Parish 10.30am Damian Williams (8037)

3.00pm Afternoon Devotions & Benediction

6.00pm Members & Benefactors Living & Dead
Lancashire Infirm Secular Clergy Fund (8011)

MONDAY 5 February – St. Agatha (Memorial)

9.15am Repose of the soul of Marilyn Wilson (8052)

TUESDAY 6 February SS Paul Miki and Companions (Memorial)

10.30am Cottam Requiem - Jane Pegg

WEDNESDAY 7 February

9.15am Mrs Joan Redmond (7987)

THURSDAY 8 February St. Jerome Emiliani (Opt. Memorial)

8.15am (Lea Town) Kathleen Lakeland (8051)

FRIDAY 9 February

9.15am Jack Lord (7997)

SATURDAY 10 February - St. Scholastica (Memorial)

- 9.15am Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem
- 5.30pm (Vigil) Christine Laking (8042)

Confessions next Saturday 4.30pm to 5.00pm at St. Andrew's

<u>Mass Intentions</u> All Mass offerings and intentions are most welcome. If you require a Mass on a particular day, please let Canon Adrian know or place the intention, offering and details in an envelope on the collection plate at the weekend Masses. Mass intention envelopes are at the back of church.

<u>Sacramental Preparation</u> All classes will take place at 3.20pm in St Mary's annex. We are looking forward to starting our preparation classes again this year.

First Reconciliation classes 27th February, 5th March

The children will make their First Reconciliation St Mary's church 3.20 pm on the 12th March.

First Holy Communion classes 19th March, 26th March, 16th April The children will make their First Holy Communion at St Mary's church during the 9 o'clock Mass on **Sunday 21st April**.

You are welcome to contact me via Canon Towers if you have any queries. We look forward to the privilege of guiding the children in their preparations. Jackie Fitzpatrick and Angela Pye.



<u>Welcome</u> to Hallie Katie Moore and Millie Miriam Moore who will be baptised today.

<u>Afternoon Club</u> This will be for all age groups. If you are interested in attending, please fill in a leaflet which are at the back of church.

<u>Parish SVP</u> Thank you for all the donations of non-perishable food and toiletries. We will continue to support our local food bank with your kind donations.

HELPING HANDS at ST MARY'S SCHOOL Helps families that are in urgent need. At the back of St Mary's church is our Helping Hands Box for any kind donations of nonperishable food and toiletries.

2024 WINCKLEY SQUARE CONVENT OLD GIRLS REUNION will be held on SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 1.30pm to 3.30pm

at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood PR4 9UE. Please feel very welcome, bring along any memorabillia and do tell your friends. Gwenda Smith 1951 -1956

Lourdes Diocesan Pilgrimage 23 July to 30 July 2024.

Please join Bishop Paul Swarbrick on the Diocesan Pilgrimage.

Youth Section (Coach Travel - 22 July to 1 August) will travel by coach with an evening and a day sightseeing in Paris.

Email youth@lancasterlourdes.co.uk for details.

For all other Pilgrims and for further information please check the Diocesan Pilgrimage Website www.lancasterlourdes.co.uk or email operationsdirector@lancasterlourdes.co.uk